

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2003**

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Orlando Alcorido, Jr.
Jim Critchley
Doug DeSanti
Kay Lewis
Gary Smith
Jerry Stein
Bill White

MEMBERS

ABSENT

Mary Briden
Marilyn Price
Donald Uhles
Gary Woods

GUESTS

Janine Anderson
Brian Smith
Jim Roeder
Toni Brophy
Bill Loughran
Bob Lashua
Paula Davis

BEMS STAFF

Ed Armijo
Suzy Baulch
Judi Crume
Peggy Lahren
Dona Markley
Susan Nicolas
Tim Singleton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kay Lewis called the regular meeting of the Education Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.
A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA

Kay Lewis proposed to alter the agenda by moving Dona Markley to speak first. Motion made by Bill White and seconded by Doug DeSanti. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

C. Status of new rules implementation –

Dona Markley spoke on new rules. Copies of the new rules, going into effect January 3, 2004, were handed out; they will also be on our web site. Staff training will begin in December followed by outreach efforts made by the Bureau to meet with members of the EMS community to inform and educate them on the new rules. The transition will last into the summer. For any questions contact Dona or her staff.

III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill White and seconded by Doug DeSanti to approve the minutes from September 26, 2003, as presented. Motion carried.

IV. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION

Judi Crume, Bureau Chief, reported. As a result of a bio-terrorism event in Nogales, the Emergency Response group from the Bureau met on 11-30-03, and reviewed the exercises and how we support these exercises. On 12-1-03, in Tucson, they went through the behavioral aspects of the exercises, and on 12-2-03, they discussed recovery from the financial aspects.

On 11-28-03, a Trauma Systems planning day was held and as a result, confirmation was received from the Governor's office and the Director that we would be pushing forward trauma systems development legislation this year. This is the first piece of legislation; the second piece will be a complete vital records package.

Futures Forum – Will be on 12-5-03. Dr. Greg Mears from North Carolina will be the keynote speaker addressing EMS of the future. Forum registration forms are available.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Kay Lewis announced the resignation of Doug DeSanti from the Education Committee effective today. Kay Lewis reported a successful resuscitation with AED by EMT-Basic providers at Honeywell. A reminder that we often do not know the results of our education and training, and this is a reminder to us all about the positive effects of education.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. eACLS program demo -

Larry Newell, Ed.D., NREMT-P, from Jones and Bartlett Publishers presented a demo of the eACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) program. This is an interactive online training for physicians, nurses, and pre-hospital/in-hospital basic personnel. The web address is www.eACLS.com.

Kay asked for a motion to accept or reject this program as an acceptable format for part of the recertification process for an ALS provider. A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Doug DeSanti to accept the program as part of ALS recertification. Discussion was offered regarding CEs being required for the skills set, due to state recertification guidelines. Kay explained that documentation would be part of the training program and be available for audit. Dr. Brophy cautioned that we not restrict ourselves to this program but to consider other alternatives as well. Motion carried. It will be moved forward to EMS Council.

B. Recommendations for curriculum, training and supervision of paramedics working in an emergency department –

Kay presented the Independent Task Force handout with a summary of the skills suggested for approval for a paramedic who will be working in a clinical setting. Paula Davis, the initiator of this project, was present. Kay asked for a motion to accept or reject the lists of activities that the paramedics would be able to do and also the support for the training programs that wish to develop a kind of curriculum to facilitate this transition. A motion to accept was made by Jim Critchley, seconded by Bill White. Discussion ensued. Changes were made in #8 and #9 of the list of suggested skills: Specifically #8 - Add to an IV infusion medications in addition to those listed in the paramedic drug box, and #9 - Administer medications in addition to those listed in the paramedic drug box.

The initial motioners accepted the changes to #8 and # 9. Motion Carried. This moves to EMS Council and Medical Direction.

D. Assessing training program effectiveness -

In evaluating the course effectiveness in regard to pass/fail and individuals who actually complete the course and go on to be recertified, we need to look at Basics for the initial provider and refreshers and then ALS as initial providers and refreshers. NR testing is a valid measure. One approach by the Bureau to measuring program effectiveness would be to take the number of students who successfully pass the NR examinations and are certified on the first attempt and those who pass on the third attempt. A letter of inquiry will be sent to all training programs to ask that they do a self-evaluation on their program effectiveness and give us feedback and ideas. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

F. Draft National Core Content: Domain of EMS practice –

Document was distributed. Kay asked that committee members review this document.

G. Diltiazem drug profile/curriculum –

A handout was distributed on Diltiazem. This drug will replace verapamil in January 2004, in the drug box per the EMS Council and Medical Direction. A motion was made by Jerry Stein and seconded by Doug DeSanti to move the request for a drug profile forward to EMS Council as an item the Education Committee has approved and would like put on the Medical Direction agenda. Motion carried.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Items

IX. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for February 20, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in conference room 540A.

Proposed agenda:

1. Training Effectiveness Inquiry Letter
2. Status of Training Program update on the new Rules

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved by Education Committee on 2/20/04